

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate and House passed H.J. Res. 73, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000.

House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3064, District of Columbia, Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations, 2000.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1816-1827 and S. Res. 208. **Page S13402**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 385, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106-202)

H.R. 764, to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 204, designating the week beginning November 21, 1999, and the week beginning on November 19, 2000, as "National Family Week".

S. 1750, to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, with amendments.

S. 1764, to make technical corrections to various antitrust laws and to references to such laws.

S. 1769, to continue reporting requirements of section 2519 of title 18, United States Code, beyond December 21, 1999, with amendments. **Page S13401**

Measures Passed:

Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 73, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S13487**

African Growth and Opportunity Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 434, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Sahara Africa, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13343-45, S13351-63, S13378-87**

Pending:

Lott (for Roth/Moynihan) Amendment No. 2325, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13343**

Lott Amendment No. 2332 (to Amendment No. 2325), of a perfecting nature. **Page S13343**

Lott Amendment No. 2333 (to Amendment No. 2332), of a perfecting nature. **Page S13343**

Lott motion to commit with instructions (to Amendment No. 2333), of a perfecting nature. **Page S13343**

Lott Amendment No. 2334 (to the instructions of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S13343**

Lott (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 2340 (to Amendment No. 2334), to establish a Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative. **Page S13343**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 29, 1999, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on pending Amendment No. 2325 (listed above), to occur at 10 a.m. **Pages S13489-90**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:55 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, October 29, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13489.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jessie M. Roberson, of Alabama, and A.J. Eggenberger, of Montana, each to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, John F. Potter, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Department of Defense, and 1,879 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

NATO STRATEGIC CONCEPT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the United States national security implications of the 1999 NATO Strategic Concept, after receiving testimony from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Marc Grossman, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs; Lt. Gen. Edward G. Anderson III, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Lawrence S. Eagleburger, former Secretary of State.

GLOBAL ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the role of standards in the growth of global economic commerce, focusing on the ability of systems built and operated by different parties to exchange and process information, after receiving testimony from Andrew J. Pincus, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; Andrew B. Whinston, University of Texas College of Business Administration, Austin, on behalf of the Center for Research in Electronic Commerce; Randy Whiting, CommerceNet, Cupertino, California; Glenn Habern, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas; and Daniel Schutzer, Citigroup, New York, New York, on behalf of the Financial Services Technology Consortium.

MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Competitiveness concluded hearings to examine the current state of the machine tool industry, focusing on the role the industry plays in national manufacturing and what can be done to improve its international competitiveness, after receiving testimony from Representatives Manzullo and Neal; and John F. Logan, DT Industries, McLean, Virginia, Jeffrey A. Clevenger, SMS Group, Inc., Saginaw, Michigan, and David W. Danjczek, UNOVA, Inc., Washington, D.C., all on

behalf of the Association of Manufacturing Technology.

FEDERAL HYDROELECTRIC LICENSING PROCESS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded oversight hearings on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydroelectric licensing process, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Smith, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; David J. Hayes, Acting Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Jack Craven, Director of Lands, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Andrew Rosenberg, Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Joseph W. Prueher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Stevens, Inouye, Frist, and former Senator Brock, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Martin S. Indyk, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Israel, and Edward S. Walker, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Joshua Gotbaum, of New York, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1750, to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, with amendments;

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